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PATENT 1-9-02

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	:	Laub et al	) Group Art Unit 1653
Appl. No.	:	09/853,080	)
Filed	:	May 9, 2001	)
For	:	ANTIGENIC POLYPEPTIDE SEQUENCES OF FACTOR VIII, AND FRAGMENTS AND/OR EPITOPES OF THESE SEQUENCES	) ) ) )
Examiner	:	Unknown	) _ )

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 4, lines 4-8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Different animal models could be used as hemophilia dogs, SCID mice, hemophilia mice ... but until now, no satisfactory experimental model exists which makes it possible to forecast the immunogenicity or the immuno-modulatory effect of the FVIII preparations, or the susceptibility of the host, before they have been administered clinically.

Please replace the paragraph on page 8, lines 30-31, with the following rewritten paragraph: